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HHS Dean applications due in March

HOLYOKE – Students in 8th-grade and above can apply to join the HHS Dean campus community. Applications are due Mar. 13. Once applications are received, interviews will be scheduled between now and Mar. 26. These will be facilitated between the Dean Campus and your child's sending school. Spots are limited. If you have any questions, read the Admissions Policy and contact Laurie Denis [ldenis@hps.holyoke.ma.us](mailto:idenis@hps.holyoke.ma.us) or Alan Gates agates@hps.holyoke.ma.us at 413-534-2071/72. Please register for Dean's virtual Questions and Answers Session on Wednesday, Mar. 3 at 5 p.m. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the session. (All applications received after Mar. 13 will be reviewed and a campus representative will be in touch with more information).

By **Shelby Macri**
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HOLYOKE – Students are being phased into the hybrid learning model, to get more kids back in the school buildings and acclimated to in-person learning in the Holyoke

Public Schools.

The school district has had a select number of students back in the building since the beginning of the school year, this group was considered Cohort C and it consists of special education students, English language learners, and voca-

tional students. This group consists of over 700 students and it has given the district a way to plan out the hybrid model for the rest of the students.

Students who have selected to attend school this week in preschool and kindergarten, will be added to the Cohort



Hybrid learning in Holyoke began this week. Prior to this week, school had been fully remote during the pandemic-marred 2020-2021 school year.

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C group attending in-person Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday while on Wed. they're remote.

"It's been a crazy couple of weeks for sure," Interim Superintendent Anthony Soto said. "We have a target timeline for the rest of the grades to return to in-person learning, but it could always change it depends on a few different factors."

While only pre-K and kindergarten students have returned there is a target date of Mar. 8 for grades one and two to be phased back in and start in-person learning. These students will be considered Cohort A and B, they will attend in-person two days a week and will join class virtually in their remote days. Soto said that they're trying to get students used to in-person learning again, especially since the classrooms look a bit different now and students have been away for a number of months.

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Free introduction to manufacturing training offered, unemployed targeted

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COVID-19 has torn through the economy as companies had to dial back their services or products in the wake of the pandemic, change their business models and furlough or lay off employees left and right to

make it. Others just shut down entirely. While some people have been able to find work, there are plenty of workers who haven't been able to, and the state wants to help.

For those who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19 and remain unemployed, the MassHire Career Centers in

Holyoke and Springfield are offering free virtual manufacturing training classes. They will help participants learn about career manufacturing, basic manufacturing standards, manufacturing processes, basic blueprint reading, quality control processes and tips on teamwork. The career centers used to be

known as the state's One-Stop Shop for employment needs for those looking for work and employers.

Participants must have a high school diploma, Internet connectivity with streaming capability, be unemployed due to COVID-19 and have a device such as a laptop, desk-

top computer or tablet to access the internet. It is also compatible with cell phones. Instructor coaching is also provided.

"The last two governors have been very invested in what they can do to maintain or grow manufacturing as an industry in

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New online resource aimed at promoting social justice

HOLYOKE – Enchanted Circle is proud to announce the launch of a new online resource: The Social Justice Digital Classroom housed on the Enchanted Circle website, www.enchantedcircletheater.com.

This resource is designed

for educators, researchers, students, parents and anyone wanting to integrate social justice tools and knowledge into their work. The online classroom's first curriculum focuses on Ida

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Enchanted Circle is launching a digital classroom dedicated to social justice.

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Dual language program continues success

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HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Public Schools first started their Dual Language Program with the Joseph Metcalf School in the 2014-15 school year in two kindergarten classrooms, since then the program has been added to the E.N. White School and the Marcella R. Kelly School.

This innovative program gives students the opportunity to learn in English and in Spanish, students are taught all grade level subjects in both languages everyday.

"The program has incredibly successful, I've seen huge growth in our students since the program began," Metcalf Principal Amy Burke said. "They read, write, speak, listen, do math, and more in both languages all day, which puts their cognitive processes at a high level."

The goal of the Dual Language program is to reach high levels of academic achievement, bilingualism, and biliteracy in a safe and engaging learning environment. The program values multiculturalism while preparing students for college, a career, and the world outside the school doors.



Daniel Pierce reads a Spanish book while at Joseph Metcalf School.
Photo provided by Judy Taylor

In The News

Local man pleads guilty to animal cruelty charges

HOLYOKE – Miguel Rodriguez, 59, of Holyoke, appeared in Northampton District Court today, Thursday Feb. 18, and pled guilty to owning, possessing and training animals for fighting along with an animal cruelty charge stemming from an investigation that began in May of 2018 by the Northampton Police Department.

Both charges are felonies. Northampton Police charged Rodriguez, along with two other co-defendants, Salvador Cruz and John Mercado, after a lengthy investigation revealed that roosters were being raised for the purpose of fighting at Ravenwold Greenhouses, located at 1095 Florence Road, in

Florence. The investigation also revealed that the roosters were being mistreated. There was no evidence that the owners of Ravenwold Greenhouses were aware of, or involved in, the illegal activity.

At today's hearing, Rodriguez admitted his involvement and pled guilty to both charges. The Commonwealth, who was represented by Assistant District Attorney Andrew Covington, asked the Court to sentence Rodriguez to six months in jail followed by a two-year period of probation. Attorney Philip Lauro of Springfield, asked the Court to sentence Rodriguez to 6 months of home confinement along with two years of probation.

Judge Jacklyn Connly, who presided over today's hearing, sentenced Rodriguez to two years of probation, the first six months of which must be served under home confinement. Rodriguez will be equipped with a GPS monitoring device while he is confined to his home.

The terms of Rodriguez's probationary period, which were agreed upon by the parties, include an order not to possess any animals or animal fighting paraphernalia, paraphernalia of pet ownership, 100 hours of community service, and a stay away order from Ravenwood Greenhouses.

Cruz and Mercado are due back in

Court on Feb. 26 for a pretrial hearing. Both have entered pleas of not guilty and are presumed innocent until proven otherwise.

"The Commonwealth would like to thank the animal control officers involved in this case, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA), and the Northampton Police Department for their thorough investigation," Assistant District Attorney Andrew Covington said. "The Commonwealth certainly respects the Court's decision on sentencing in this matter, and is pleased the case ended with felony convictions, which were clearly warranted."

New trampoline park coming to Holyoke Mall soon

HOLYOKE – Altitude Trampoline Park, the place for play, every day, will be opening a new location soon in Holyoke. The world's premier trampoline facility will be satisfying fun lovers of all ages with a fresh and inviting park designed to maximize playfulness and optimize joy. With the official opening pending the Governor's approval, the sparkling-new facility at Holyoke Mall packed with over 21,000 sqft of indoor trampolines and other activities will introduce the excitement of active, family-friendly fun to the area. Home to memorable birthday parties, family celebrations and group events as well, Altitude will invite the community to experience the "Jump Life" safely with their C3 "Certified Cleanliness" program, limited capacity levels and plenty of room for social distancing.

"We are thrilled to be opening this trampoline park as a great addition to the Holyoke community. Guests will be able to bring the whole family to enjoy activities like rock climbing, dodgeball, and performance trampolines all at a great



price for an open jump pass, and with our monthly memberships starting at just \$10 to join and \$10 a month, the value really can't be beat," said Victor Rodriguez, General Manager at Altitude Trampoline Park Holyoke.

Altitude Trampoline Park is committed to setting the standard for family entertainment. Since the opening of the first park in 2012, Altitude has opened more than 70 facilities on three continents.

Their success as the second largest trampoline park in the United States is a result of their dedication to customer service, cleanliness and above all, safety. Altitude Trampoline Park Holyoke is the most recent location to be opening in North America and features a host of attractions such as Main Court, Ninja Course, Extreme Dodgeball, Battle Beam, Laser Maze, VR and much more.

"We'll be glad to see the Altitude

Trampoline Park open its doors to the community with the energy and spirit that speaks to our evolving brand," said Victor. "The Altitude family is eager to celebrate the grand opening of this park while fulfilling our commitment to ensuring safe, clean fun for each guest in the Holyoke community we are proud to serve."

For more information about Altitude Trampoline Park, visit www.altitudeholyoke.com or follow them on <https://www.facebook.com/AltitudeHolyoke/>.

Altitude will be hiring 25 employees to start and ramp up to 50 once operating at full capacity. Interested applicants can visit altitudetramplinejobs.com. Altitude will be located on the lower level near Macy's once Phase 3 Step 2 of Massachusetts Reopening is announced.

All visitors to Holyoke Mall are reminded to wear a mask and follow our new Healthy Shopper Guidelines.

Please visit the Safety tab of our website for more information on what Holyoke Mall is doing to put safety first at [https://www.holyokemall.com/safety/](http://www.holyokemall.com/safety/).

UNEMPLOYED DUE TO COVID?

Check out this FREE Virtual Manufacturing Training!

A black and white photograph showing three workers in a manufacturing environment. One worker is standing on the left, another is kneeling in the center, and a third is working on a large machine on the right. They are all wearing safety gear like hard hats and ear protection.

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Must have High School Diploma, Internet & Device for training, and unemployed due to Covid.

Contact Kate Smith for more Information: 413-322-7162
ksmith@masshireholyoke.org

A QR code for MassHire Holyoke.

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general," said MassHire Career Center Holyoke President and CEO David Gadaire said.

With COVID-19 translating to job losses for many, it was decided to target those who have lost their jobs as layoffs and business closures began last March as restaurants, gyms and other businesses were temporarily closed and then able to start up in reduced capacities, he said.

"We think many people wrongly have this picture of what manufacturing is all about, with idea that it's dirty," he said. "But many manufacturers have pristine processes, for which mathematics is needed and their manufacturing is really a science."

He said starting wages are good and it's possible to make a sustainable wage and move through company ranks to get ahead.

"The classes are a guide, to counsel them as to what to expect in manufacturing, the kind of math needed and so they candidly will know what's going on," he said. "It's also designed to get people off unemployment and help them move into what could be a good career."

The classes are self-paced and offer tips on who work as a team member, how to address concerns that come up on the manufacturing floor and problem resolution, Gadaire said.

Businessman Joseph Peters, a member of MassHire Hampden County Workforce Board, has been in manufacturing for decades, and decided to test drive the classes to be sure potential students would get useful information about

manufacturing if they took them.

"It provides exposure to manufacturing machines, safety protocols among other things," said Peters, who owned Universal Plastics in Holyoke up to a few years ago, and who remains active in the company. "I think someone who has gone through this would be looked at differently than someone who hadn't taken it when it comes to the hiring process. I would be much more interested in someone who had taken this course. Our company is looking for people right now and this would give someone a lot of advantages."

Peters said these days many young students are not exposed to manufacturing at all and are unfamiliar with it either generally or specifically. That exposure differs from when he was young, when many people knew people in manufacturing even if their immediate family wasn't involved, he said. The classes provide that exposure if they've never had it in school or in the workforce," he said.

"He's lived manufacturing and breathed it his whole life, and in my mind that makes his opinion about it very credible," said Gadaire of Peters' opinion that it gives potential job seekers a way into manufacturing.

For more information or to register for the classes contact Kate Smith at MassHire Holyoke at 413-322-7162 or Ksmith@masshireholyoke.org or Yvette Jackson at MassHire Springfield at 413-858-2827 or yjackson@masshirespringfield.org.

The funding for the classes was provided by the state Office of Housing and Economic Development.

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Women's Fund, HCC partner on leadership program

HOLYOKE – The Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts is sponsoring an eight-week spring training program at Holyoke Community College aimed at women who want to enhance their leadership skills.

The course – “Women Leaning Into Leadership: Empowering Your Voice” – is being offered over Zoom on Thursdays, from noon to 1:15 p.m., March 25 through May 13.

Beyond that, each program participant will receive 30 minutes of private, one-on-one coaching from the instructor, Annie Shibata Ph.D., owner of Growth Mindset Leadership and Communication Coaching.

The cost of the eight-week program is \$799, but the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts is offering sponsorships of up to \$650 to each qualified participant.

“One of priorities at the Women's Fund is to help facilitate parity in positions of power and leadership,” said Monica Borgatti, chief operating officer of the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts. “We would like to see more women in leadership positions



Holyoke Community College will be the site of a leadership program beginning next month.

Submitted photo

across the region, and we are proud to partner with HCC on a program designed to help women become more

effective leaders.”

This course, along with HCC’s monthly Women’s Leadership

Luncheon Series, is targeted to emerging leaders in mid-career and to women working to become more effective in their jobs and in the community.

During the program sessions, participants will learn to evaluate their communication skills and apply new communication techniques; practice the power of mindfulness; distinguish forms of influence and persuasion to create powerful messages; assess their leadership strengths; and create short- and long-term plans for career development.

“We’re really happy to announce this new collaboration with the Women’s Fund of Western Massachusetts as we work together to develop women leaders in our community,” said Michele Cabal, HCC executive director of Business, Corporate and Professional Development. “The partnership makes sense as we share a common mission of working to help others achieve their goals.”

Enrollment for the course is limited by design. To register and apply for a sponsorship, please go to: hcc.edu/women-leaning.

Holyoke Public Schools puts out annual culture and climate survey

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Public School district is administering our annual survey for families, students and staff using the Panorama Culture and Climate Survey. The survey information will inform our improvement efforts at the school and district level, as we work

together to be families’ first choice for their children’s education. The 2021 survey window is Feb. 22 to Mar. 12. Before March 12, we ask that parents and guardians take 2 minutes to complete a survey for each school in which you have a child attending. The survey was sent to families

via text and email on Feb. 22

Students will also be completing a survey. They will receive instructions from their teachers on how to access the survey which will be administered during the school day.

All staff will receive an email direct-

ly from Panorama Education on Feb. 22 requesting feedback.

Panorama surveys measure the culture and climate of our district and we need your input to continue to strengthen our school and district improvement efforts. Please complete the surveys by Mar. 12.

Lyman Terrace | 30 Hampden Street | Holyoke, MA 01040 (P) (413) 887-6642 | TTY: 711| lyman.terrace@TCBINC.ORG

The newest phase of Lyman Terrace Apartments is now leasing and will be taking applications for 1 and 2 bedroom subsidized apartments.

Section 8 income eligibility requirements and preferences apply.

To obtain a copy of the Tenant Selection Plan please contact the management office.

Applications will be available from February 22, 2021 through April 23, 2021. You may obtain applications in several ways during the application period: 1.) Complete an application online on our website www.lymanterrace.com (PREFERRED METHOD); 2.) Print the application from our website at www.lymanterrace.com, complete and mail to 30 Hampden Street or email to lyman.terrace@tcbin.org; 3.) If you or anyone assisting you cannot use the above methods, please call (413) 887-6642 or email lyman.terrace@tcbin.org and ask that an application be mailed or e-mailed to you.

Your place on the waiting list will be decided by Lottery so there is no need to come in person, early, or wait in line. Returning completed applications and Lottery selection: Applications may be completed online or completed and returned by mailing or emailing to us by the Lottery deadline of April 23, 2021 by 11:59:59PM. This is the final deadline for taking applications for the Lottery. Mailed applications must be postmarked by this date.

Two virtual informational sessions will be held on March 8, 2021 from 6pm-7pm and April 5, 2021 from 6pm-7pm (both can be accessed via these links: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1485387837> (March 8th Information Session); <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1489614803> (April 5th Informational Session)).

All applicants must be determined eligible in accordance with the Department of HUD regulations and must meet the family size requirements for a designated bedroom size (maximum of 2 persons per bedroom; minimum of 1 person per bedroom preference) as well as maximum income of all family members (please see income limits below). If your application shows that you are eligible, you will be notified in writing by mail or electronic mail at least 10 days prior to the Lottery date and you will be provided an Application Registration Number (ineligible applicants will also be notified in writing and will be provided the chance to appeal). Only eligible applications will be entered into the Lottery. Your place on the waitlist will be decided by a Lottery that will be held virtually at the following date and time: Monday, May 10, 2021 at 10:00am via this link <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/5719941869>. The lottery will be recorded and posted to our website and social media page.

You do not need to be in attendance for the selection process since you will be notified in writing of your Lottery Number subsequent to the Lottery. In the event that public gatherings are not permitted, as result of federal/state/local mandate, the Lottery will be completed with the assistance of an electronic random drawing service (e.g. www.random.org) using the “paid service” option and/or third-party monitor, as may be acceptable to MassHousing and/or DHCD. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR POSITION ON THE WAITLIST MAY NOT BE DICTATED BY YOUR LOTTERY NUMBER SINCE THOSE WITH A PREFERENCE WILL TAKE PRIORITY. After the Lottery, the waiting list will remain open until further notice. Applications will be processed in order of receipt from that point forward. Please call (413) 887-6642 | TTY: 711 or email lyman.terrace@tcbin.org if a reasonable accommodation request is needed or assistance with Limited English proficiency.

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3	\$23,070	\$38,450
4	\$25,620	\$42,700



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I, Me and Thee

By Thomas J. Kennedy

Daddy, Daddy I still love you.
But why did you hurt me?
I lost myself in I or me.
Only God saved me to eternity.

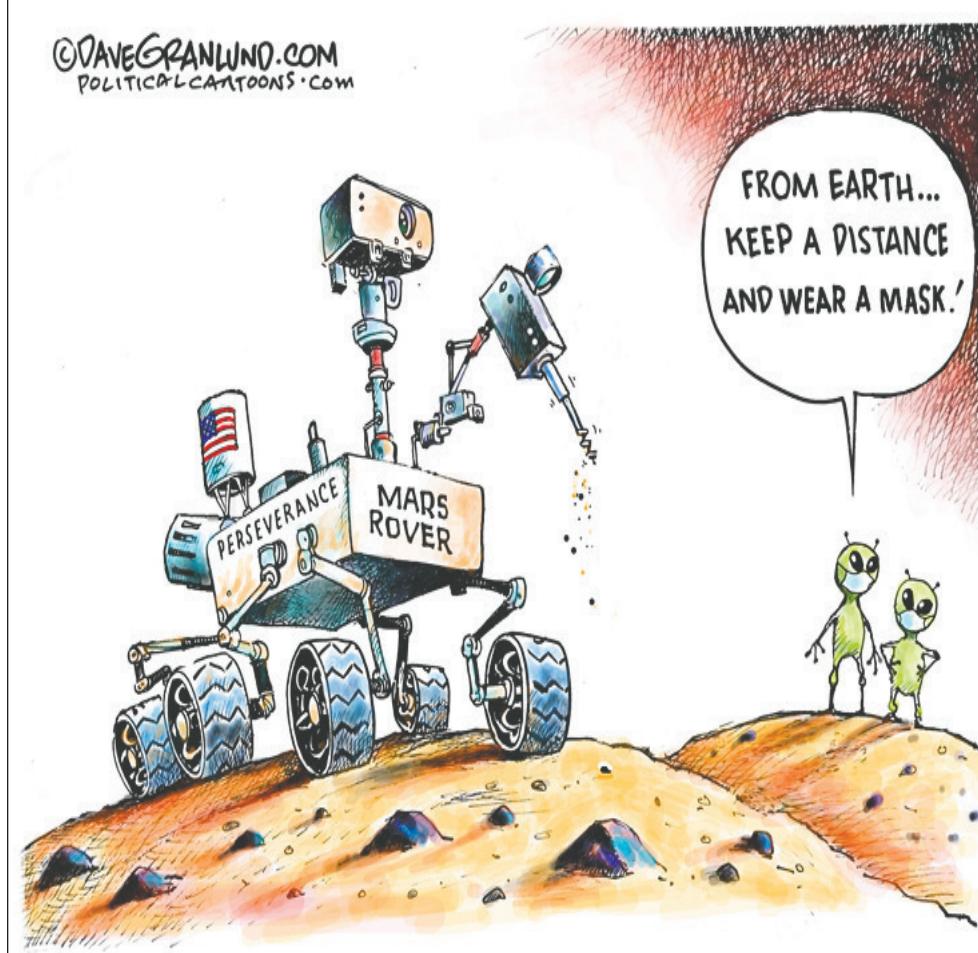
This was abuse Daddy!
And now and then I lose
My self-confidence and self-image.
I thought people were looking at me,
And I lost trust in pleasing...

I will never, never, never
Even though I let people down –
At times I went the wrong way
And could have been a victim of the street.

Scrupled judgment has been debased
in my selfish pursuit.
I know I made some bad decisions,
But I was blinded and put my pleasing
Hurt before others...

But I think that I could have gone the wrong way,
Can't rid myself yet of this nightmare burden.
But I, I know you and me
Will make with God's help
The I within me to be free.

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Guest Column

Milk jug seed starting part 2

This week we will delve into part 2 of the great milk jug seed starting experiment, posed by Barbara who wrote in last week wondering if I have had any success with this trendy technique.

Here are the nuts and bolts! Start with clean gallon containers, the see-through kind that water or milk come in. About four inches up, just below the handle, safely cut around the jug, leaving an inch or so on either side of the handle as a "hinge."

You should be able to bend the top back and forth. Make a number of drainage holes in the bottom; three or four per quadrant. There is a lot of advice out there on how to do that, from drilling holes, to twisting an exacto knife around and around and even using a hot tool to melt a hole in the plastic (really!). I generally like to make holes in reused plastic containers by banging a large nail through the bottom into a piece of scrap lumber placed underneath.

Once the drainage holes are made, fill the bottom of the jug with moist seed starting mix. 'Coast of Maine' has recently become my favorite after a few years of trying out new brands. With the soil in place, sow your seeds. If the seeds are tiny or even relatively tiny, don't cover them with soil, simply space them out evenly on top and press into the

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surface.

You may wonder how to deal with tiny seed. I place it in a folded index card and gently tap the card so that the seeds fly out. If you can handle the seed easily, do cover with only a small amount soil, say an eighth of an inch or so and firm down. How many seeds to sow is a tricky question. If you want to keep the plants in the jug until they go in the garden, then hope for four plants,

maybe six per jug at the most, figuring how big they will be at transplant stage. For tricky germinators, perhaps double or triple the amount of seed you sow versus how many you desire. If germination is great, you can always transplant some out. Close the container and seal it with duct tape. Be sure to label the jug with the plant name via a paint pen, really the only writing utensil that won't smear, fade or wash away when exposed to the elements.

Place the jugs in full exposure outdoors and with the cap off, so that heat can escape and small amounts of moisture can penetrate. When the temperature outdoors heats up past 60 degrees, be sure to take the duct tape off and vent your seedlings. Check often and water as needed. The pros recommend to cover with a blanket if frost threatens or even move heat lovers inside on cold nights.

To prevent tip-over by four-legged friends or playful kids, pros also suggest putting the jugs in trays or bins.

As you can see, this method is not maintenance-free, but certainly worthy of a try especially for gardeners who are short on indoor space or in the mood to get their hands dirty earlier in the season than normal. January and February is the perfect time to start seeds that need a cold treatment. Look for key terms on the seed packet, such as "stratification needed," "sow in the fall," or other terms.

You can begin to sow cold hardy annuals in March - think chard, spinach, kale, snapdragons, bachelor button and the like, while April should be reserved for warmth-lovers like pepper, tomato, basil, zinnias and marigolds, paying special attention to frost predictions and bringing these plants in as needed.

Well Barbara, thank you for the great topic! I promise to give this method a try and will report back my successes and failures.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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"There is only one way to avoid criticism:
do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing."

Aristotle

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Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

Please email (preferred) letters to thesun@turley.com. Mailed letters can be sent to The Sun, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

I received an email from a Brookfield resident, who had a Coopers hawk perched in a tree in his yard for about two hours on Feb. 3. He also include a photo of the hawk.

The Coopers hawk is about 16 inches long and has a long narrow tail. The adult is blue gray above, light below with reddish-brown barring. Its crown is darker than the back. The immature is dark brown above, light below with thin brown streaks and keeps the immature plumage for a year.

The female lays three to six pale blue green eggs with dark spots in a platform nest of sticks and lined with bark placed in a tree. During breeding season, it has regular feeding routes where it hunts for common medium sized birds like mourning doves, blue jays and starlings. In winter, it may show up at bird feeders.

I also received an email from a woman, who had starlings come to her homemade suet. Here is the recipe for the suet.

HOMEMADE WILD BIRD SUET prep time 10 minutes and cook time 15 minutes Ingredients ½ cup rendered fat or lard 2 cup old-fashioned oats (not instant) 2 cups chunky peanut butter 2 cups beef broth ½ cup sugar ½ cup raisins/dried cranberries or chopped nuts (optional) 1 ½ cup wild bird seed Squares of wax paper (to put between sliced cakes for storage) Instructions In a large pot, combine lard, oatmeal, peanut butter, broth and sugar stirring frequently. Heat to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer for 20 minutes or so or until mixture is the consistency of thick oatmeal. Stir in raisins and /or nuts. Remove from heat and stir in bird seed. Pour into mold and put in freezer, cooling until hardened. Once hardened, remove suet "brick" from freezer and allow it to soften slightly to ease

in cutting. Store thawed cakes in refrigerator for up to one week or refreeze with a sheet of wax paper in between. Note: This recipe is not practical for the hot summer months, where the cake will turn rancid quickly, but it is great during the winter months when it will maintain its freshness and shape. Bluebirds

I received an email from an Oakham resident. He said, "I've lived here by Dean Pond for more than 35 years and have never, ever seen a bluebird in my yard, but today (Feb. 13), three male bluebirds were at my suet feeder." He also said, "I've had a bluebird house in my yard for years and the only occupants I can remember were flying squirrels."

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

Springfield College partners with HPS to offer employee grants

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield College has partnered with the Holyoke Public Schools in providing employee grants to full and part-time employees of Holyoke Public Schools, who are enrolled in either undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, or certificate of advanced graduate study programs at Springfield College.

"We are excited to embark on this partnership with Holyoke Public Schools. As we are committed to increasing the number of teachers of color completing our preparation programs, we are especially looking forward to the prospect of enrolling Holyoke paraprofes-

sionals aspiring to become teachers and pursuing a bachelor's degree," said Springfield College Educator Preparation and Licensure Director Linda C. Davis-Delano. "Further, we see this partnership providing an opportunity for teachers and other staff to pursue one of the numerous bachelor's and master's degree programs offered at Springfield College."

Holyoke Public Schools employees are eligible to receive scholarships, which have been established by Springfield College to support its members being educated for leadership in service to others. Students must provide employment information to confirm their eligibility.

For more information, check out springfield.edu/partnership.

"We are thrilled that Springfield College has continued to be a champion in our partnership to increase the number of teachers of color in Western Massachusetts," stated Holyoke Public Schools Human Resources Manager Kelly Curran. "We are especially grateful that the college has extended a generous grant opportunity to Holyoke Public Schools paraprofessionals who are interested in furthering their education and giving back to the community. This opportunity supports our commitment to build and retain a workforce that is not

only the most qualified to teach the students of Holyoke, but also celebrates and reflects the rich diversity of our students."

Employees of Holyoke Public Schools can receive the employee grant for each degree pursued at the College, and participants will be awarded potential transfer credits who have completed trainings and certifications as outlined in the College's experiential learning handbook.

In addition, the College will provide a pathway for Holyoke Public Schools employees, once enrolled, to earn additional credits for their degree program through the College's prior learning assessment portfolio program.

LPV announces Class of 2021 and 2nd Annual Brennan Leadership Fund Recipient

SPRINGFIELD — Leadership Pioneer Valley announced the members of LEAP Program Class of 2021 beginning Jan. 14 with a virtual retreat. The retreat marked the beginning of an intensive, now six-month regional leadership development program for the new cohort.

LPV's regional leadership development program annually features a diverse class from Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin Counties—representing private, nonprofit, educational and public organizations. This year's class includes 23 emerging leaders from the Pioneer Valley who have demonstrated commitment to growing, connecting, and caring for the future of the region at a time of great need.

In light of the pandemic, the program has been shortened and the curriculum has been modified to meet current needs and accommodate a virtual format.

"This crisis has demonstrated the need for leaders who inspire hope, and

this cohort of leaders exemplifies that hope. They are hungry to grow and lead their companies and communities out of this dark time," said Lora Wondolowski, Executive Director.

The organization also announced the recipient of the second Annual Brennan Leadership Fund which was established to recognize the leadership legacy of LPV founder Tim Brennan who passed away in March of 2020. The award is for an emerging public servant leader who exemplifies Tim's values of service, vision, and integrity. Kareem Koboda with office of Congressman Neal received the award from members of the Brennan family.

"We are humbled to present this award to Kareem Kiboda on behalf of our father Tim Brennan, who envisioned a Pioneer Valley nurtured and sustained through collaborative leadership, and whose work recognized the importance of creating more pathways to uplift and

empower new generations of community leaders. Welcome to Kareem and everyone in the LPV LEAP Class of 2021; we are inspired by all you have accomplished so far and cannot wait to see what you'll do next," said Katie and Emily Brennan.

Leadership Pioneer Valley addresses the critical need to build a diverse network of leaders who work together across traditional barriers to strengthen the region. The region-specific curriculum is designed to help the participants refine their collaborative leadership skills, build relationships, increase their regional understanding, and prepare them for civic engagement.

The LEAP Class of 2021 participants are:

- Lisa Brecher of South Hadley, Center for Human Development
- Carolina Dellapiane of Holyoke, Northampton Survival Center
- David Feinstein of Amherst, Eric

Carle Museum

- Doug Hall of Amherst, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
- Faryeed Kaymaram of Amherst, Hampshire Mosque
- Kareem Kidboda of Springfield, Office of Congressman Neal

About Leadership Pioneer Valley:

The mission of Leadership Pioneer Valley is to identify, develop and connect diverse leaders to strengthen the region. Formed in 2010 to fill a critical need for a leadership program that builds a network of emerging leaders to address the challenges and opportunities of the region, Leadership Pioneer Valley combines both classroom and hands-on, experiential learning at different locations throughout the Valley. The curriculum is designed to foster the skills, collaboration, and commitment needed to further a vibrant and culturally competent Pioneer Valley. The inaugural class launched in the fall of 2011.

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Students returning to in-person learning don't need to wear their school uniforms unless they choose to, though they will need to wear a face mask or covering to ensure a safe environment in the building. If families cannot get a mask they can contact their student's school to inquire about one. The school district understands that some students may prefer to continue with remote learning, the schools will continue to work diligently to enhance and maintain the remote learning system as well.

Currently the school district has Campus Learning Centers at the high school where students can be in the building while doing they're remote learning. There are learning centers set up in classrooms, the gym, the cafeteria, and other areas in the school. The rooms have staff to assist students when needed and to ensure there's a safe learning environment, students have to sit six or more feet apart and wear a mask while in the learning centers.

Soto said they're trying to add more learning centers on North Campus and possibly middle schools to offer more in-person learning options for students. On Mar. 8 the district is hoping to provide a CLC on North Campus, which will help to adapt more learning centers in other schools.

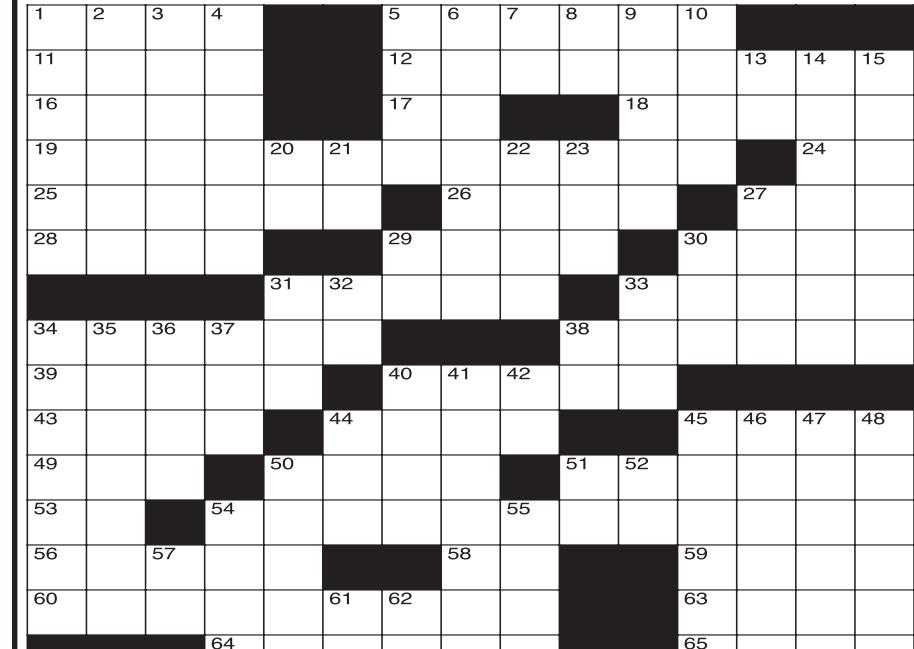
"There are staff available to help students, and get them whatever they need. They also receive breakfast and lunch while at the learning centers," Soto said. "It's a way to get more students back in-person, and add more learning centers."

A part of the moving timeline includes phasing grades three to five back to in-person learning on Mar. 22, then on Mar. 29

the district would like to start learning centers in middle schools for grades six to eight. Soto said that there are capacity and staffing concerns for returning grades six to eight back to in-person learning, the district is waiting for survey results from parents to see how many people are interested in returning to in-person learning.

"If there's low numbers of students wanting to return to in-person learning, then there's ways to do it," Soto said. "But if it's a bigger number there are capacity limits, we're trying to figure out a way for learning centers to be incorporated in middle schools to get kids back in the building." The school district is working hard to get students back in school, and return a sense of normalcy to parents and students. The school district meets with the Board of Health weekly, and are working to create a safe learning space by following six-foot social distance guidelines, wearing masks, and anything else that the Board of Health recommends. The school and the BOH are paying attention to different metrics regarding COVID-19 numbers, and making sure that the city and schools are staying on the right path. Currently the trends show that they should be able to phase more students in as the year continues, and it's essential that the city numbers stay well so the school can continue in-person learning.


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"My first experience with learning Spanish was in high school, and studies have since shown that it's more beneficial to start learning languages earlier," Burke said. "It's different to speak a language and know the words, and know the language cognitively and culturally. They know how to solve problems and tell time in both languages, not everyone who learns a language in school can do that."

Metcalf was the first school to offer the Dual Language Program, it started with just kindergarten, and in the second year both first grade and pre-school was added because it was thought to be better for the students to learn even earlier. The students in the first year of the program are now in sixth grade and are progressing very well, Burke said they're better Spanish speakers than herself.

The entirety of Metcalf participates in Dual Language and will be adding grade seven to the program in the 2021-22 school year, as an additional grade is added every school year. The E.N. White School will offer pre-k to fourth grade next school year, and the program was just implemented at Kelly School this



Amahya Colon reads in class as a part of the dual language program in Joseph Metcalf School.

Photo provided by Judy Taylor

past academic year. The plan for the Dual Language program is to grow it through elementary school and on to both middle and high schools, to ensure a pathway that can lead to students earning their Seal of Biliteracy upon graduation.

Burke said that program for pre-k uses a 80-20 system where students learn 80% in Spanish and 20% in

English throughout the day. The school has found that this helps with learning the language, as the world outside of the school is primarily English and they will be interacting with the language daily. Kindergarten through sixth grade currently uses a 50-50 system, though Burke said they're thinking of switching kindergarten to the 80-20 system since

it'll helped the younger class. No formal decision has been made for it but the school is looking into information to support the change.

Burke said she hopes to see the program carried on through high school to support and encourage the current Dual Language students, additionally the three school's principals meet monthly with the EL Director and other staff members in a Dual Learning Task Force meeting, while administration staff attends the Dual Language Strategic Planning meeting. While these two meetings are held bi-monthly the three principals speak almost daily about the progress of their programs. Metcalf is already expanding the program to middle school and Burke looks forward to seeing the progress of the program and its students.

The Dual Language program's lottery applications are available now for the 2021-22 school year, families interested in learning more can register for the schools upcoming virtual information sessions on the school's website. There was a meeting earlier this week and another one is scheduled on Mar. 25 at 1 p.m. There are also informational flyers for those interested also located on the school website.

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WOLVES NEAR END OF SEASON



The Hampden Charter School of Science, which includes students in Chicopee, Holyoke, South Hadley, and Springfield, will conclude its girls basketball season this week with a pair of games against Palmer High School. The Wolves have gone 4-6 so far this year, including a pair of wins recently over Pathfinder, and two wins over Westfield Tech. Brianna Francis takes a shot. Jan'Niya Bolden goes for the layup. Catherine Reynolds attempts a free throw. Denaja Lewis gets the layup ahead of a defensive player.

Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Outlaw open entry lists loading up for Icebreaker, Thompson 300



Tom Morris racing is back this season.

Submitted photos



Bobby Santos will look to compete in the upcoming Icebreaker race.

THOMPSON, Conn. — The Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park oval is shaping up as the place to watch the biggest stars of Tour-Type Modified Racing in 2021. Entry lists for both the Icebreaker 125 on April 10/11 and the return of the Thompson 300 on October 9/10 are already loaded with local, regional, and even national open-wheel racing headliners.

As the first and last events of the season at the historic Connecticut track, both the Icebreaker and the Thompson 300 are expected to be the year's two greatest shows. The early entries back up these expectations with a mix of touring series champions, track champions, and big-time winners in the Modified ranks. With so many top drivers ready for action, the buzz that has surrounded the events for months will only get louder.

Leading the roll call is six-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Doug Coby of Milford, CT. The modern Modified legend has filed entries for both the \$10,000-to-win Icebreaker 125 and the \$20,000-to-win Thompson 300. Coby will

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High school football set to start next week

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION — While the vaccination effort is ongoing, there is still a need to make modifications to high school sports and football will be no different.

High school football games are finally set to commence next month and those that are able to watch games will not see a major difference in how the games are played other than what happens behind the scenes and on the sidelines.

Like all sports currently, football players will be required to wear face coverings. In the last couple of months, variants of COVID-19 coming from the United Kingdom and South Africa have resulted in a more contagious mutations of the virus.

As a result, people have been advised to wear multiple or multi-layer face coverings now. The MIAA is not allowing gaiter face coverings, but are not currently requiring the multi-layer coverings. Football players wear full helmets with some also wearing splash guards. The guards are being encouraged as they provide an additional layer of protection.

Larger teams like Longmeadow, Central, and Holyoke will have limits to the number of players they can bring to the sideline. A maximum of just 45 players will be allowed to dress for games and be on the sidelines.

In many high school games, players are injured and unable to play, often wear their jerseys to the field and are on the sidelines to cheer on teammates. Those players will not be allowed in the Fall 2 season in order to limit the number of people on the sidelines of games. Only 45 players and a maximum of six coaches will be allowed on the sidelines along with other game personnel, like officials, the chain gang, and athletic trainers.

The 45 players on the sideline will be required to have face coverings at all time and must be socially distant from one another.

The coin toss, which usually features multiple captains going to midfield, will only feature one player from each team and the referee.

During games, when the action gets intense, players and coaches will often crowd the sideline. This will not be

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MIAA official recognized for leadership by NFHS

FRANKLIN – The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) selected eight leaders in state high school associations to receive an NFHS Citation. This award honors individuals who have made contributions to the NFHS, state high school associations, athletic director and coaching professions, the officiating avocation and fine arts/performing arts programs. The NFHS Citation is one of the most prestigious achievements in high school athletics and performing arts.

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) is extremely proud to announce the NFHS 2021

Section 1 Citation recipient:
Sherry Bryant, associate executive director of the MIAA.

During her 30-year career at the Associations, Bryant has served as Financial Controller, Director of Human Resources, Technology Advancement Leader, and Liaison to a number of sport Committees including, Field Hockey, Basketball, Gymnastics, Skiing, Tennis, Softball, and co-liaison for Rugby. Bryant has also provided leadership through her service to the MIAA Tournament Management Committee, MIAA Blue Ribbon Committee on Gender Equity, the MIAA Covid-19

Task Force, and MIAA Women and Girls Leadership initiatives. At the national level, she has served two terms on the NFHS Field Hockey Committee most recently as chair, is a leader in the NFHS/USA Field Hockey Advocacy Group, and has been appointed to the NFHS Strategic Planning Committee.

MIAA member, Field Hockey Committee Chair, Coach and retired Rockport High School Athletic Director Mary Ryan stated, "Sherry is hands-down the ultimate professional and so deserving of the NFHS Section 1 Citation. Her commitment, dedication and tireless work ethic on the local,

state and national levels on behalf of our student-athletes, athletic directors and coaches is beyond reproach. I have the utmost respect and admiration for all that she does in the quest of Educational Athletics. I have been so fortunate to call her my colleague and friend."

According to MIAA Executive Director Bill Gaine, "Sherry Bryant's 30-year service to the MIAA membership as well as being a key Senior Executive teammate has been outstanding. I am very pleased her contributions to our NFHS Section 1 colleagues and NFHS Association have been recognized and will be celebrated."

Nominees for volleyball hall announced

HOLYoke – The list of 25 nominees for the International Volleyball Hall of Fame 2021 Induction has been announced and the Fan Vote presented by Mizuno is now officially open through Feb. 28.

Fans can vote daily for as many nominees as they feel are deserving of Induction. The top 5 nominees selected by the public will comprise a "fans' ballot" that will be tallied along with the official selection committee ballots to pick the Class of 2021 inductees.

"These 25 nominees represent 11 different countries and some of the biggest names in volleyball from the past two decades and beyond," said George Mulry, Executive Director of the International Volleyball Hall of Fame. "Having to skip the 2020 class of Inductees because of COVID has created a bit of a backlog that's resulted in perhaps the strongest list of nominees top to bottom we've ever had. I think it's going to be really hard for people to

narrow down their Fan Vote selections but it will also make this year's Induction that much more special for the selected class."

The new class of Inductees will be announced in March and the 2021 Induction Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 23 and will be live streamed for anyone that cannot travel to Holyoke. Induction Celebration tickets will go on sale when the new class is announced.

The nominees are: Taismary Aguero, Dr. Rolf Andresen, Manuela Benelli, Gianfranco Briani, Julius Brink and Jonas Reckermann, Dr. Gabriel Cherebetiu, Sergio Dutra Santos, Giovane Gavio, Linda Hanley, Barbara Jelic-Ruzic, Pieter Joon, Siegfried Kohler, Peter Lange, Andre Meyer, Samuele Papi, Carmelo Pittera, Bernardo Rezende, Todd Rogers, Yumilka Ruiz, Ricardo Santos, Clay Stanley, Sergey Tetyuhkin, Logan Tom, Fernanda Venturini, and Elaine Youngs.

Semi-pro team continues to add talent

WORCESTER – The Massachusetts Pirates continue to bolster their depth chart at the wide receiver position. The organization has announced the signing of Alonzo Moore, who recently played in the AAF for the San Antonio Commanders and the XFL for the Seattle Dragons.

Moore (6'1", 196 lbs) spoke with masspiratesfootball.com and believes he will fit in perfectly alongside other wide receivers on the Pirates.

"I expect all of us to come in and compete. It's good that the position is becoming more crowded. It allows for different skill sets with different players."

With the addition of Moore, Pirates president and general manager Jawad Yatim is happy with the way the Pirates offense is shaping up.

"Moore has big play ability, great combination of size and speed, and is a kid who can take the top off the defense and open things up for us underneath and in the run game. He's going to put pressure on defenses and we're happy to have him. I'm looking forward to seeing our offense come together and get to work. I think we have a good unit here, now we have to begin building continuity and familiarity with the offense and one another and I know my coaches will lead these guys in the right direction."

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compete at the Icebreaker in the #20CT Modified Rick Czarnecki. For the Thompson 300, he will be behind the wheel of his own Doug Coby Racing #10CT car that debuted in 2020.

Coby is one of multiple drivers planning to do double-duty with the Icebreaker and the NASCAR Modified Tour event at Virginia's Martinsville Speedway on April 8. Another is multi-time NASCAR Modified and Modified Racing Series (MRS) winner Eric Goodale of Riverhead, NY. Goodale, who is currently competing in the World Series of Asphalt Stock Car Racing at Florida's New Smyrna Speedway, is looking forward to keeping the Thompson Modified tradition alive.

"I love racing at Thompson," Goodale said. "It's one of my favorite tracks. I'm excited to do it. The thought to go into a Modified season and not have a Modified race at Thompson would be a bit disturbing. This is the stuff I grew up on, and I'm finally getting to live it everyday. I'll be leaving

Martinsville, heading home, switching the car over and heading right to Thompson for a double-header weekend."

Several other notable names have already joined Coby in committing early to both the Icebreaker 125 and Thompson 300. Multi-time Thompson Speedway champion and former NASCAR Weekly Racing Series national champion Keith Rocco of Berlin, CT will be gunning for the two five-figure first prizes in his familiar #57CT. So will former Modified Racing Series (MRS) and International Supermodified Association (ISMA) champion Jonathan McKenna of Chelmsford, MA. Others who beat the crowd with their entries include 2011 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Ron Silk, two-time MRS champion Chris Pasteryak, and recent MRS winner Ronnie Williams.

The Icebreaker entry list alone, meanwhile, is nearing two dozen names with two months still to go before the event. One driver that everyone will have their eyes on is Franklin, MA's Bobby Santos III. Santos has become the dean

Hampshire assoc. seeking umpires

REGION – The Hampshire Franklin Baseball Umpire Association (HFBUA) is planning to conduct classes for the 2021 baseball season following all recommended COVID-19 protocols including the possibility of on-line instruction.

The association covers umpiring of scholastic baseball for all of Hampshire

and Franklin county schools registered under MIAA and several other baseball leagues in the area.

If you are interested in umpiring baseball or obtaining further information regarding the upcoming classes please contact Roger Booth - Secretary/Treasurer of the HFBUA via email at quithunter@comcast.net.

Sign-ups available for Relics softball

LUDLOW – The Western Mass Relics has opened registration for the 2021 Senior Softball Season. The Silver Division (age 50 to 64) has filled 36 of the 112 spots and the Gold Division (65-and-up) has filled 32 of the 96

spots. The registrations are accepted on a first come first serve basis. All our games are played at the Fish & Game in Ludlow. For further information or to register go to <http://www.westernmass-relics.org>.

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allowed and will be strictly enforced. Referees are being instructed to assess penalties if warnings to be at least two yards away from the sideline are not adhered to.

There will be more time to account for the need for players to have water breaks and catch their breath. Timeouts are extended to two minutes long. Intermissions between quarters will also be longer. Water breaks will also be instituted around the six-minute mark of each quarter, though referees can declare a water break around that time during a change of possession.

A schedule for the football season

has yet to be released, though it has already been determined there will be no tournament. The same has applied to the fall and winter seasons.

A few athletic directors have already said traditional Friday night football is unlikely to occur during the Fall 2 season due to the colder temperatures. Right now, nighttime temperatures are consistently in the 30's, unlike the normal fall season where it is still much warmer until November.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoon games are likely in order for players to be able to play some of the games in the sun and slightly warmer temperatures. The Fall 2 season will be continuing into April.



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of big-money open-wheel events in recent years, winning everything from the Musket 250 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway to the Little 500 at Indiana's Anderson Speedway. At the Icebreaker 125, Santos will be in the cockpit of the #44MA Tinio Racing car he has piloted to 11 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour victories.

Other high-profile names preparing for the Icebreaker 125 are MRS champion Anthony Nocella, recent World Series Modified Open winner Mike Christopher Jr., many-time Modified winner Richard Savary, and former Pro-4 Modified standout Derek Robbie. While their Thompson plans remain to be seen beyond the Icebreaker, a good start could certainly spur them to attend more of the planned big-money events.

The Icebreaker 125 is the opener of the new Thompson Outlaw Open Modified Series for 2021. The six-race series includes the annual Icebreaker, the Thompson 300 as part of the World Series of Speedway Racing, and four Wednesday night events held between June and September. The Wednesday

events will pay a minimum of \$5,000 to win; meanwhile, the Icebreaker and Thompson 300 have guaranteed top prizes of \$10,000 and \$20,000, respectively. All told, more than \$250,000 in purse money will be posted at these six races.

The Icebreaker 125 and Thompson 300 entry forms, along with the rules for the Outlaw Open Modified Series, have been posted at www.acttour.com/outlaw-open-modifieds (link is external). The early-entry deadlines are March 15 for the Icebreaker 125 and April 15 for the Thompson 300. More information about the series will be released throughout the season.

Thompson Speedway opens its 82nd season with the 46th Icebreaker on Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11. The Icebreaker 125 is part of a nine-division that also includes all of Thompson's local divisions plus the Pro All Stars Series Super Late Models, NEMA Lites, and EXIT Realty Pro Truck Challenge.

The full event schedule and ticketing info will be announced in the coming weeks. All local and state health and safety guidelines are in effect.

In The News

Local students named to Western New England University's Fall Dean's List

SPRINGFIELD – Close to 750 students have been named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List at Western New England University. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve a GPA of 3.30 or higher.

"We are so proud of our Dean's List students who demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence in their studies despite the unique challenges of our fall semester," commented Dr. Robert E. Johnson, President.

"Of the roughly 3,000 colleges and universities tracked by the College Crisis Initiative, Western New England University was among just 27% nationwide that resumed primarily 'in-per-

son' teaching last fall. Our Dean's List students stayed focused and engaged; they should be very proud of their achievements. Well done, Golden Bears!"

The following students from Holyoke have earned their place on Western New England University's distinguished Dean's List:

Adam Maldonado, working toward a BSBA in Sport Management.

Connor Narey, working toward a BS in Computer Science.

Nashali Pagan, working toward a BA in Law & Society.

Michael Whitelock, working toward a BSBA in Accounting.

Obituary

Shirley Elizabeth Giehler Morrison



HOLYOKE – Shirley Elizabeth Giehler Morrison passed away quietly at age 96 in the early morning hours of February 6, 2021. She was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts on March 25, 1924 to Fred and Gertrude Giehler.

Shirley spent most of her life in Holyoke, attending Kirtland, H. B Lawrence, Metcalf, and Holyoke High School. She left to attend Bentley School of Accounting and Finance (now Bentley University) with the first class to admit women. During WW II, she worked for an investment firm in Boston before returning to Holyoke. She joined the American Legion Auxiliary through which she met her husband, Joseph P. "Bud" Morrison, who passed away in 1963. Their son, Mark Alan Morrison was born in 1955 and passed away in 2009.

Shirley was a life long Girl Scout, having joined at age 10 and stayed active into her eighties. She was also a life long member of Second Congregational Church, her involvement spanning from the Young Peoples Society through 20 years as Church Treasurer. In 1989 she became Chair of the Holyoke Council on Aging, and was involved in the construction of the Senior Center on Pine Street

that opened in 2013. The outdoor fountain was given in her honor by family members.

When Shirley returned to Holyoke during WW II, she worked in her father's accounting firm until he retired, then did bookkeeping for numerous small businesses and medical practices in Holyoke.

In addition to her husband and son, Shirley was predeceased by her sister Doris Giehler McTigue and her brother Robert Giehler. She is survived by her sister Suzanne Giehler Mannhardt; grandson Sebastian Morrison; nieces Barbara McTigue Bruner and Elizabeth Mannhardt Hawk; nephew David McTigue; three great nephews; and one great, great niece.

Special thanks are extended to Karlene Shea, devoted friend from church who, along with several other friends, has been by Shirley's side through good times and challenging days. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to either Bentley University or the Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts.

A celebration of Shirley's life will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Barry J. Farrell Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF HOLYOKE GAS & ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF NEW BACKHOE LOADER

Sealed bids for furnishing the above will be received by Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept. until 2:30 p.m. **March 8, 2021** at the Office of the Manager, 99 Suffolk St., Holyoke, MA 01040, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

Additional information may be obtained from:

Chi Wong
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.
99 Suffolk St.
Holyoke, MA 01040
(413) 536-9308
cwong@hged.com

The right is hereby reserved to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid that in the opinion of the Manager may be for the best interest of the City of Holyoke.

Please mark sealed envelopes "Bid for Purchase of New Backhoe Loader" and address them to:

James M. Lavelle, Manager
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.
99 Suffolk St.
Holyoke, MA 01040
02/26/2020

Holyoke License Board of Commissioners

Notice of Public Hearing
Notice is HEREBY GIVEN, under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that The Holyoke License Board of Commissioners will be holding a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.** at the City Hall License Board, Basement Meeting Room, 536 Dwight St., Holyoke, MA.

The hearing is with regard to the application for a Transfer of an Annual Wine, Malt & Cordials/Liqueurs Alcohol License from Carl's Pizza, Inc., from 548 South Street to Emily

Ortiz and Militza Carattine DBA Bugalu Ballroom, 120 High Street., Holyoke pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws.

Jose Correa, Vice-Chair
02/19, 02/26/2021

NORTHERLY
by Hicks Avenue, one hundred twenty-three and fifty-two one hundredths (123.52) feet.

Being the same premises conveyed to Robert J. Ezold and Ellen Moriarty Ezold by deed recorded with Hampden District Registry of Deeds in Book 3922, Page 87.

The Receiver reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The Receiver further reserves the right to open the bidding at the time, date and place appointed for sale, and if no bids are received, or the bids received are deemed unacceptable to Receiver, to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Receiver reserves the right to sell the property by Receiver's Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with Receiver's attorneys the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice.

EASTERLY
by Norwood Terrace sixty (60) feet;

SOUTHERLY
by Lot #11 on said Plan, one hundred twenty-three and fifty-two one hundredths (123.52) feet;

WESTERLY
by land of owners unknown, sixty (60) feet; and

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of

record entitled to precedence over the Receiver's lien, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$10,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place in order to qualify as a bidder (the Receiver and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of that sale at the offices of the Receiver's attorney: Murphy & Lulan, P.A., 5 Commonwealth Road, 4th Floor, Natick, MA 01760, or such other time as may be designated by the Receiver. The description of the premises contained in the Deed to Robert J. Ezold and Ellen Moriarty Ezold recorded with Hampden District Registry of Deeds in Book 3922, Page 87 shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Block Capital, LLC, Receiver By its Attorney:

Michael J. Murphy, Esq.
Murphy & Lulan, P.A.
5 Commonwealth Road, 4th
Floor
Natick, MA 01760
(508) 650-9252

02/26, 03/05, 03/12/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD21C0030CA
In the matter of:
Jenna Lee Kaeppele
CITATION ON PETITION TO**

CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jenna Lee Kaeppele of Holyoke, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Jenna Kaeppele McMurdy

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/18/2021.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 11, 2021

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Register of Probate

02/26/2021

CITY OF HOLYOKE LEGAL NOTICE

The Ordinance Committee of the Holyoke City Council will hold a joint public hearing with the Planning Board

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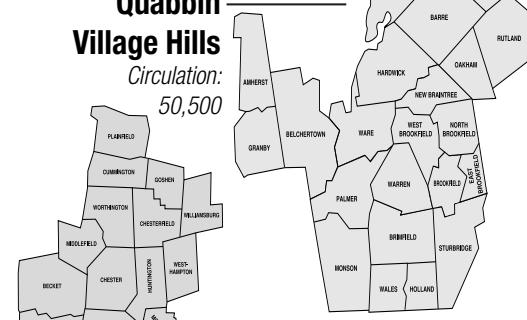
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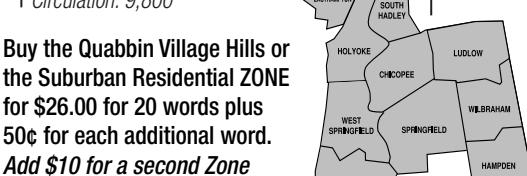
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The Social Justice Digital Classroom was developed during Enchanted Circle's engagement with the Creating Connections Initiative (www.creatingconnection.org) with Arts MidWest in Minneapolis, and The Metropolitan Group in Washington DC, and funding from The Barr Foundation.

Enchanted Circle is a multi-service arts organization dedicated to engaging, enhancing and inspiring learning

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The Social Justice Digital Classroom was developed by Enchanted Circle staff and volunteers from the nonprofit's board and education committee including, Priscilla Kane Hellweg, Gabriela Micchia, Steve Angel, Yvonne Mendez, Arlene Avakian, Trudy Knowles, Kathy Goos, Barbara Cortez-Greig, Lyndsey Nunes, Kate Carreiro, Celine Hamilton Quill, and John Reuter Films.

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"Every Massachusetts resident deserves the opportunity to learn, question, and contribute to the histories of their communities," said Brian Boyles, Executive Director of Mass Humanities. "As we confront the challenges of the pandemic, racial injustice, and political polarization, we feel more than ever the need to reconnect with the events and people that shaped the places we call home."

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For more information, please contact Sara Seng at sara@heardstrategy.com.

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In The News

BusinessWest now accepting nominations for 40 Under Forty

SPRINGFIELD — BusinessWest magazine is now accepting nominations for its 40 Under Forty class of 2021, and will accept them up to the Feb. 26 deadline.

Launched in 2007, the recognition program is a celebration of rising stars in the four counties of Western Mass. The process of selecting the region's 40 Under Forty begins with nominations.

The background materials submitted on a given individual are the primary source of information to be weighed by a panel of five judges who will score the candidates.

Those at BusinessWest encourage submissions to be thorough, detailing the candidate's success in business, involvement in the community, and awards

and designations. Supporting information (such as a résumé) may be sent to godaire@businesswest.com . Please include the nominee's name in the subject line.

Nominees must be under age 40 as of April 1, 2021. Nominations can be submitted at businesswest.com/40-under-forty-nomination-form . Only nominations submitted to BusinessWest through the online form will be considered.

The selected individuals will be profiled in the May 12 edition of BusinessWest and celebrated at the annual 40 Under Forty Gala on June 24.

For more information, call Jennifer Godaire, Marketing and Events director, at 413-781-8600, ext. 100, or e-mail godaire@businesswest.com.

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Convalescent plasma is a liquid component of blood from patients who have recovered from COVID-19. Patients who have recovered from the disease have antibodies to protect themselves to fight the virus. By making a blood and convalescent plasma donation, recovered

patients can help others fight COVID-19 as well.

Blood and convalescent plasma supplies continue to be low and shortages persist in all categories. Emergency supplies from the Red Cross are often limited. More than 75 percent of the blood and convalescent plasma needed by patients at the medical center comes from people living in Holyoke, Chicopee, South Hadley and the surrounding communities.

All eligible donors will receive a free recognition gift for their donation, and eligible convalescent plasma donors will receive a free COVID IgG test.

The Blood Bank, located on the first floor of Holyoke Medical Center, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are required.

For further information or to schedule an appointment, call the HMC Blood Bank at 413-534-2591.

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